

December 6, 2018

The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman
The Honorable Michael O'Rielly, Commissioner
The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner

Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
455 12th Street, Southwest
Washington, DC, 20544

Dear Chairman Pai and Honorable Commissioners

I am writing to support the Comments of the Cable Act Preservation Alliance ("CAPA") and to oppose the proposals and tentative conclusions set forth in the FCC's September 25 Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in *Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992*, MB Docket 05- 311.

My name is Robert Stetter and I am a video producer at the Telecommunications Board of Northern Ky. I've been producing videos for around 10 yrs now for a few different churches in the area. I stay in contact with other producers who also create videos on the religious channel at TBNK. Gentlemen it's so nice to hear when a new person comes to church because of a video that we produce. With all the different programs, it's good that a person can watch a program and be able to relate to a particular message that can somehow help them. I've seen drug addicts, alcoholics come to church and join a rehab group and somehow by the grace of god turn their lives around and it's all because of these PEG channels that air on public access channels. I'm just one person hopeful that I can change one life in this great land. Let's multiply that by 15 different producers just in northern Ky, that's a possible 15 persons lives being changed. Now let's multiply that by all the stations across this wonderful land we call America. FELLOWS YOU DO THE MATH. If this proposal goes through it will and I say it will literally bankrupt every stations across the land. This FCC ruling will eliminate ever peg station from the cable air ways.

Our local Public, Educational, and Governmental, (PEG) Access channels provide a wide range of local programming about our community, which is a valuable service to Northern Kentucky residents, community organizations, and viewers. Our local PEG TV studio at the Telecommunications Board of Northern Kentucky, also provides access to a professional studio, editing and field equipment for local residents, schools, and community organizations, who would not otherwise have access to such facilities, as well as much needed training and guidance.

Local PEG programming includes coverage of high school and college football and basketball games, swimming and diving and other sports, as well as many community events. The PEG channels air numerous local government meetings every month, as well as Northern Kentucky election programs and results. The channels also broadcast local music and entertainment, documentaries, and public affairs shows, as well as information about local community service organizations and agencies, and issues of interest to Northern Kentucky.

Promoting such diversity of views and information through local PEG programming was one of congress' specific stated intents of the Cable Act. The FCC's proposed FNPRM goes against this stated intent, and would force communities to choose between franchise fees and PEG channels, which would cripple and very likely eliminate the PEG channels in most communities across the country, since most cities will not be able to afford the loss in fees. The loss of franchise fees would also eliminate the main source of operational funding for PEG channels in most communities. This has never been the way the law worked for decades and was never the intent of the Act.

We appreciate your consideration and urge the FCC to protect PEG channels and funding in our community and others by choosing not to adopt the Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making.

Sincerely,

Robert Stetter

Producer at TBNK